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AN ACT CONCERNING AN ELECTRIC CONSERVATION INCENTIVE PROGRAM.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) On or before July 1, 2007,
2 the Commissioner of Energy shall establish an Electric Conservation
3 Incentive pilot program to provide an incentive to Connecticut
4 residents to actively undertake residential electric energy conservation
5 and efficiency improvements to reduce electricity usage. The program
6 shall be available to all eligible residential customers of the electric
7 distribution companies. The commissioner shall establish eligibility
8 criteria for the program that shall include, but not be limited to, a
9 requirement that program participants occupy and use electricity in
10 their homes for twenty-four continuous months commencing July 1,
11 2006, and ending June 30, 2008.

12 (b) (1) For purposes of this subsection, "conservation period" means
13 the twelve-month period from July 1, 2007, to June 30, 2008, inclusive,
14 and "base period" means the twelve-month period from July 1, 2006, to

15 June 30, 2007, inclusive.

16 (2) An electric conservation incentive shall be paid to any program
17 participant who reduces his or her weather-adjusted electricity usage
18 for the conservation period by at least eighteen per cent from such
19 participant's weather-adjusted electricity usage for the base period. For
20 purposes of the program, electricity usage for each program
21 participant shall be as determined by the participant's electric
22 distribution company. Not later than July 31, 2008, each electric
23 distribution company shall notify the commissioner as to which of its
24 customers participating in the program reduced electric energy usage
25 for the conservation period by at least eighteen per cent from the base
26 period, and the percentage by which each such customer reduced
27 electric energy usage.

28 (3) The maximum electric conservation incentive available shall be
29 two hundred dollars per household. The amount of each incentive
30 shall be determined by the Commissioner of Energy, in consultation
31 with the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management. The
32 commissioner shall authorize electric distribution companies to credit
33 the account of each customer receiving an incentive under the program
34 with the amount of the incentive as determined by the commissioner
35 and shall reimburse the electric distribution companies for the
36 amounts of such credits.

37 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2007*) There is established, within the
38 General Fund, a separate, nonlapsing account to be known as the
39 electric conservation incentive account. The account shall contain any
40 moneys required by law to be deposited in the account. Investment
41 earnings credited to the assets of the account shall become part of the
42 assets of the account. Any balance remaining in the account at the end
43 of any fiscal year shall be carried forward for the fiscal year next
44 succeeding. The moneys in said account shall be used for the purposes
45 of section 1 of this act.

46 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2007*) The sum of thirty million dollars

47 from the anticipated General Fund surplus, for the fiscal year ending
48 June 30, 2007, shall be transferred to the electric conservation incentive
49 account established under section 2 of this act.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]